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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS ON COLOR TELEVISION SETS

REF: TOKYO 6550

1. DURING NEGOTIATIONS ON PERIPHERY OF LONDON SUMMIT MEETING, STR STRAUSS AND JAPANESE OFFICIALS REACHED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON VRA/OMA ON JAPANESE EXPORTS OF COLOR TELEVISION SETS. TENTATIVE ACCORD PROVIDES THAT JAPANESE CAN EXPORT TO U.S. 1.75 MILLION TELEVISION RECEIVERS (AS DEFINED PARA 7 REFTL) PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS, BEGINNING JULY 1, 1977. (FYI: INCOMPLETE KITS, SUB-ASSEMBLIES, AND COMPONENTS NOW BEING SHIPPED FROM JAPAN TO JAPANESE FIRMS IN U.S. FALL OUTSIDE THIS DEFINITION. THIS TRADE IS THUS UNRESTRICTED BY LEVEL MENTIONED ABOVE. MAY 7 ASAHI REPORT THAT SCOPE OF AGREE-
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MENT HAS BEEN EXPANDED IS THUS INCORRECT. HOWEVER, EXPANSION OF JAPANESE FIRMS' U.S. PRODUCTION CAPACITY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE "LABOR CONTENT" PROVISION OF THE JAPANESE SIDE LETTER WITH WHICH EMBASSY IS ALREADY FAMILIAR. END FYI).

2. WE HAVE ACCEDED TO JAPANESE REQUEST THAT DETAILS OF

THIS PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL

MAY 16, WHEN MITI VICE-MINISTER MASUDA IS TO CALL
AMBASSADOR STRAUSS WITH FORMAL CONFIRMATION.
ACCORDINGLY, WASHINGTON AGENCIES, IF ASKED ABOUT TV
NEGOTIATIONS, WILL REPLY THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROGRESSING
WELL AND THAT U.S. FEELS AN AGREEMENT IS NEAR, BUT THAT
NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN FINALIZED. EMBASSY SHOULD NOT GO
BEYOND THIS FORMULATION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESS,
INDUSTRY, OR OTHER PARTIES.

3. WASHINGTON AGENCIES ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF
EXCELLENT SUPPORT PROVIDED BY EMBASSY OFFICERS DURING
LAST WEEK'S NEGOTIATIONS. CHRISTOPHER

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